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Dennis Richardson, Treasurer
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Identification Number: C00153031

Reference: Year End Report (11/26/02-12/31/02)

Dear Mr. Richardson:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your 30 Day Post-General Report (10/17/02-11/25/02). Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

-The totals listed on Lines 6(c), 11(a)(iii), 11(d), 19 and 20, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Schedule A supporting Line 17 of your report discloses a payment(s) from a federal candidate committee(s) for goods and/or services provided by your committee. 11 CFR §100.7(a)(1)(iii)(A) states that "...the provision of any goods or services without charge or at a charge which is less than the usual and normal charge for such goods or services is a contribution." Examples of goods and services include equipment, supplies, personnel, membership lists and mailing lists. The term "usual and normal charge" for goods is defined as "...the price of those goods in the market from which they ordinarily would have been purchased at the time of the contribution".

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The usual and normal charge for services is defined as "...the hourly or piecework charge for the services at a commercially reasonable rate prevailing at the time the services were rendered." 11 CFR §100.7(a)(1)(iii)(B)

Please clarify whether your committee assessed the usual and normal charge for the goods and/or services you provided to the federal candidate committee(s) and explain the steps your committee took in determining the amount(s) charged. If your committee provided the goods and/or services at less than the usual and normal charge, the difference between the two is considered to be an in-kind contribution by your committee to the federal candidate committee(s) and is subject to the limits set forth at 2 U.S.C. §441a (11 CFR §100.7(a)(1)(iii)(A))

-Your report discloses an outstanding balance (s) beginning this period for a debt (s) owned to US Bancorp. However, the outstanding balances for these debts do not equal the closing balances on your 30 Day Post-General Report (10/17/02-11/25/02). Please amend your report(s) to clarify this discrepancy.

-Your report discloses a debt to US Bancorp with a negative outstanding balance of \$7,864.20. A debt with a negative balance is a debt that is owed TO your committee. Debts owed TO your committee should be reported on Schedule D supporting line 9. Please amend your report to clarify this apparent discrepancy.

-For your information, all contributions received that aggregate \$200 or less per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(ii). Contributions received aggregating over \$200 per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(i) and itemized on Schedule A.

-Your report includes multiple Schedules H1. One Schedule H1 has section D (Ballot Composition) completed with a federal percentage of 28.57%. One Schedule H1 has section D (Ballot Composition) completed with a federal percentage of 0%. Please be advised that a state party committee should only submit one Schedule H1 with section D completed. Please amend your report to clarify these apparent discrepancies.

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days

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of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



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